

## COUNTY PROFILE

# Le Sueur Co.

Le Sueur Co. is a part of Economic Development Region 9, which is located in the Southwest Planning Region.



## POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

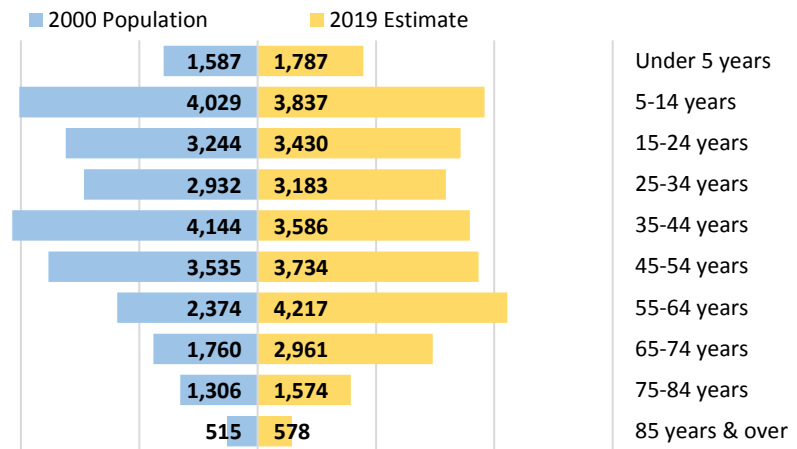
Le Sueur Co.'s population has increased so far this decade, ranking as the 24th fastest growing of the 87 counties in the state from 2010 to 2019. It is now the 38th largest in the state. Le Sueur Co.'s population has an older median age than the state and a larger percentage of people aged 65 years and older. The population is aging, especially as the Baby Boom generation moves through the population pyramid (see Figure 1).

Current population:	<b>28,887 people</b>	Median Age:	<b>41.0 years</b>
Population change, 2010-2019	1,184 people 4.3% increase	state:	38.3 years

	Number	Percent
Under 5 years	1,787	6.2%
5-14 years	3,837	13.3%
15-24 years	3,430	11.9%
25-34 years	3,183	11.0%
35-44 years	3,586	12.4%
45-54 years	3,734	12.9%
55-64 years	4,217	14.6%
65-74 years	2,961	10.3%
75-84 years	1,574	5.4%
85 years & over	578	2.0%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>28,887</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates

Figure 1. Population Pyramid, 2000-2019



Le Sueur Co. enjoyed a natural increase - more births than deaths from 2010 to 2019, but also experienced net in-migration - meaning more people moved in than moved out. In addition to domestic in-migration, Le Sueur Co. welcomed net international in-migration - gaining new Minnesotans from foreign countries (see Table 2).

Table 2. Components of Population Change, 2010-2019

	Total Population Change	April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2019					
		Natural Increase	Vital Events		Net Migration		
			Births	Deaths	Total	International	Domestic
Le Sueur Co.	1,186	981	2,991	2,010	212	179	33
State of Minnesota	335,705	250,488	637,356	386,868	88,161	114,414	-26,253

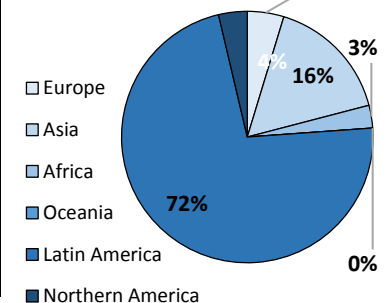
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

Compared to the state, Le Sueur Co. has a smaller percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2010 to 2018, Le Sueur Co. saw an increase in the number of foreign-born residents, though it was slower than the statewide increase.

	Le Sueur Co.		Change 2010-2018		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change
<b>Foreign-born Population</b>	<b>788</b>	<b>2.8%</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>19.0%</b>	<b>8.4%</b>	<b>25.8%</b>
Europe	37	4.7%	-64	-63.4%	10.2%	4.8%
Asia	128	16.2%	35	37.6%	37.7%	27.8%
Africa	23	2.9%	5	27.8%	24.5%	61.1%
Oceania	0	0.0%	-12	-100.0%	0.5%	41.9%
Americas:	600	76.1%	162	37.0%	27.1%	9.8%
Latin America	571	72.5%	214	59.9%	24.6%	11.8%
Northern America	29	3.7%	-52	-64.2%	2.6%	-6.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2014-2018 American Community Survey

Figure 2. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born Population, 2018



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Le Sueur Co.'s population was becoming more racially diverse over time. Since 2000, the county's white population increased and the number of people of other races increased (see Table 4).

**Figure 3. Population by Race, 2018**

- White
- Black or African American
- American Indian
- Asian
- Some Other Race
- Two or More Races

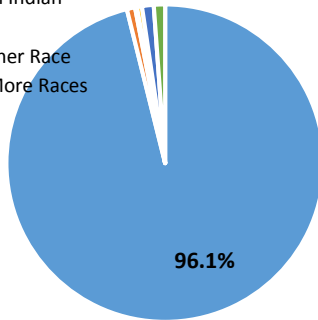


Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2018	Le Sueur Co.			Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Change from 2000-2018	Percent	Change from 2000-2018
<b>Total</b>	<b>27,983</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>10.1%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>12.4%</b>
White	26,897	96.1%	9.6%	83.3%	4.7%
Black or African American	235	0.8%	518.4%	6.2%	99.3%
American Indian or Alaska Native	54	0.2%	-18.2%	1.1%	7.3%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	141	0.5%	62.1%	4.8%	83.8%
Some Other Race	334	1.2%	-34.9%	1.8%	48.7%
Two or More Races	322	1.2%	88.3%	2.9%	90.7%
Hispanic or Latino origin	1,643	5.9%	64.8%	5.3%	104.2%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2014-2018 American Community Survey

## POPULATION PROJECTIONS

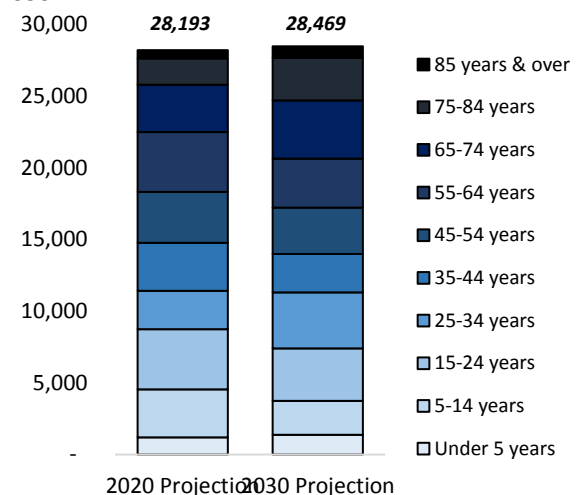
According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Le Sueur Co.'s population is expected to grow from 2020 to 2030, with a rate of change that is slower than the projected statewide growth rate (5.0%). In addition to the overall growth, the number of people aged 65 years and older is expected to increase over the next decade (see Figure 4 and Table 5).

**Table 5. Population Projections by Age Group, 2020-2030**

Le Sueur Co.	2020 Projection	2030 Projection	Numeric Change	Percent Change
Under 5 years	1,186	1,370	184	15.5%
5-14 years	3,359	2,364	-995	-29.6%
15-24 years	4,185	3,667	-518	-12.4%
25-34 years	2,694	3,908	1,214	45.1%
35-44 years	3,350	2,675	-675	-20.1%
45-54 years	3,532	3,239	-293	-8.3%
55-64 years	4,175	3,415	-760	-18.2%
65-74 years	3,299	4,053	754	22.9%
75-84 years	1,850	2,970	1,120	60.5%
85 years & over	563	808	245	43.5%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>28,193</b>	<b>28,469</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>1.0%</b>

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

**Figure 4. Projections by Age Group, 2020-2030**



## EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Le Sueur Co. has a lower percentage of adults (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma than the state (92.4%), and a lower percentage of people with at least some college experience. Le Sueur Co. also has a higher percentage of people with an Associate's degree and a lower percentage of people with a Bachelor's degree or higher.

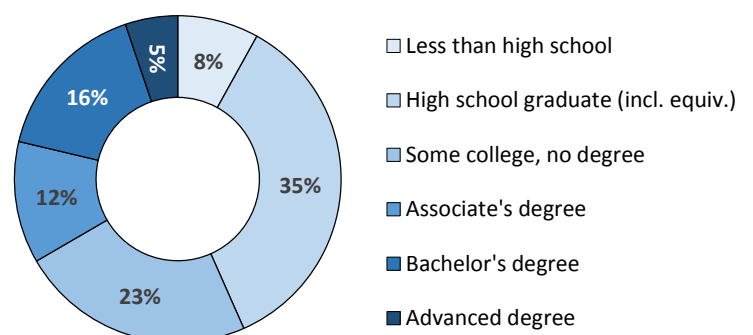
**Percentage of the adult population (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma:**

**91.9%**

**College-educated:** 56.6%  
state: 67.1%

Associate's Degree: 12.1%  
Bachelor's Degree: 16.1%  
Advanced Degree: 5.2%

**Figure 5. Educational Attainment, 2018**



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2014-2018 American Community Survey

## LABOR FORCE TRENDS

The number of workers in Le Sueur Co. increased over the past year. Long term, Le Sueur Co.'s labor force expanded more rapidly from 2004 to 2019, compared to a statewide growth rate of 8.0% (see Figure 6).

**16,179** available workers

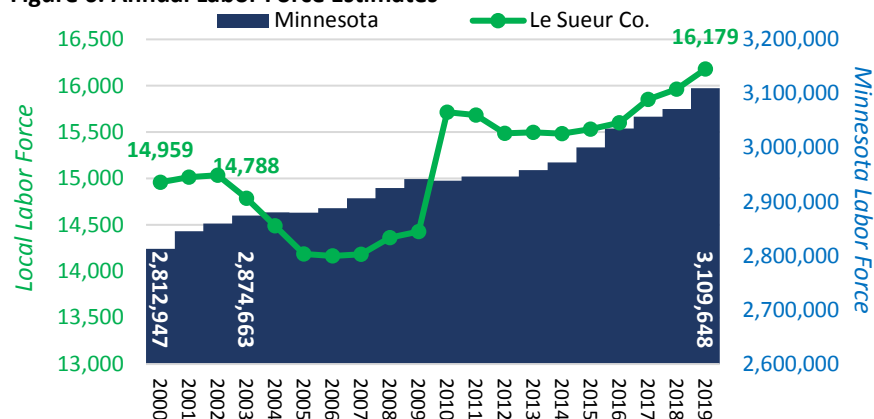
Labor Force change,  
2004-2019      1,690 workers  
11.7% increase

**4.6%** unemployment rate

3.2% state

**744** unemployed workers

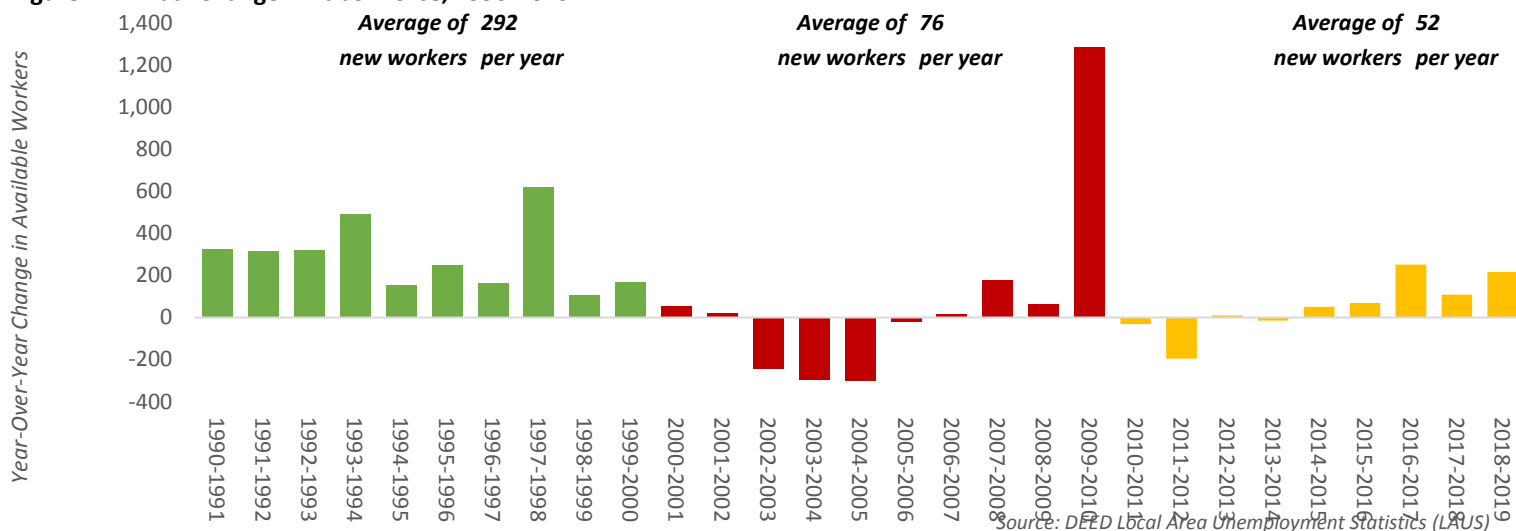
Figure 6. Annual Labor Force Estimates



Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics

At 4.6%, Le Sueur Co. had a higher unemployment rate than the state in 2019. Le Sueur Co.'s unemployment rate increased compared to 4.1% in 2018, and was lower than the 10.6% rate posted in 2009. The number of unemployed workers actively seeking work in Le Sueur Co. increased over the past year, and is down compared to 2009.

Figure 7. Annual Change in Labor Force, 1990-2019



Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

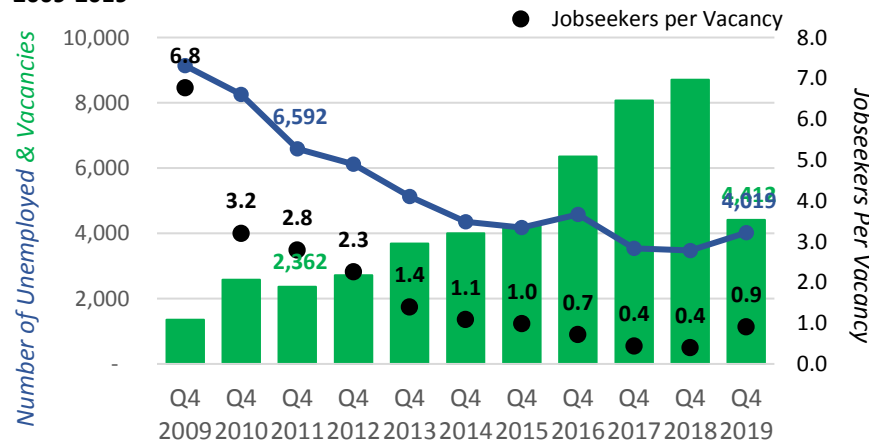
Labor force growth has slowed in recent years. After experiencing a net gain of workers from 1990 to 2000, Le Sueur Co. averaged an annual gain of new workers from 2000 to 2010, and most recently a gain of new workers since 2010 (see Figure 7). Moving forward, Le Sueur Co. is expected to see a labor force decline from 2020 to 2030 (see Table 6).

Table 6. Labor Force Projections, 2020-2030	Labor Force Projection	
	2020	2030
16 to 24 years	2,701	2,484
25 to 54 years	8,626	8,857
55 to 64 years	3,186	2,606
65 years & over	1,084	1,412
<b>Total Labor Force</b>	<b>15,598</b>	<b>15,358</b>

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

Le Sueur Co. is a part of Region 9, which includes Blue Earth, Brown, Faribault, Le Sueur, Martin, Nicollet, Sibley, Waseca, and Watonwan County. The labor market has grown extremely tight in recent years, dropping to a ratio of 0.9 jobseekers per vacancy during the 4th quarter of 2019 (see Figure 8).

Figure 8. Jobseekers Per Vacancy, 2009-2019



Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, LAUS program

## LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

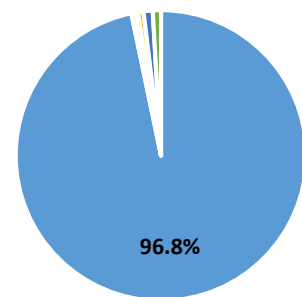
Le Sueur Co. had a higher labor force participation rate than the state. The labor force in Le Sueur Co. is less racially diverse than the state (where 85.5% of workers are white alone), but is becoming more diverse over time.

Table 7. Employment Characteristics, 2018

	Le Sueur Co.			Minnesota		Le Sueur Co.	
	In Labor Force (available workers)	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Male	Female
<b>Total Labor Force</b>	<b>15,378</b>	<b>69.8%</b>	<b>3.5%</b>	<b>69.7%</b>	<b>3.9%</b>	<b>8,222</b>	<b>7,163</b>
16 to 19 years	752	54.7%	9.1%	52.9%	11.7%	397	354
20 to 24 years	1,319	86.0%	5.8%	84.4%	6.4%	604	716
25 to 44 years	5,822	90.9%	3.3%	88.6%	3.5%	3,095	2,726
45 to 54 years	3,564	88.6%	2.9%	87.3%	2.8%	1,950	1,614
55 to 64 years	3,043	76.3%	2.7%	72.6%	3.0%	1,678	1,364
65 to 74 years	686	25.7%	2.6%	27.6%	2.4%	356	331
75 years & over	200	9.8%	0.0%	6.3%	2.6%	142	58
<b>Employment Characteristics by Race &amp; Hispanic Origin</b>							
White alone	14,883	69.7%	3.4%	69.5%	3.3%		
Black or African American	76	54.7%	28.9%	70.7%	9.9%		
American Indian & Alaska Native	35	76.1%	0.0%	58.5%	12.8%		
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	96	87.3%	4.2%	71.3%	4.7%		
Some Other Race	157	76.6%	0.0%	77.2%	6.2%		
Two or More Races	140	78.2%	7.1%	73.1%	7.6%		
Hispanic or Latino	655	66.4%	8.1%	76.3%	6.5%		
<b>Employment Characteristics by Disability</b>							
With Any Disability	787	57.6%	8.9%	52.5%	9.0%		
<b>Employment Characteristics by Educational Attainment</b>							
Population, 25 to 64 years	12,423	86.2%	3.1%	84.2%	3.2%		
Less than H.S. Diploma	617	72.2%	5.5%	65.4%	4.5%		
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	3,881	81.7%	0.7%	78.6%	2.6%		
Some College or Assoc. Degree	4,877	89.6%	1.6%	85.2%	3.2%		
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	3,049	90.6%	1.1%	89.8%	1.9%		

Source: 2014-2018 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

Figure 9. Labor Force by Race, 2018

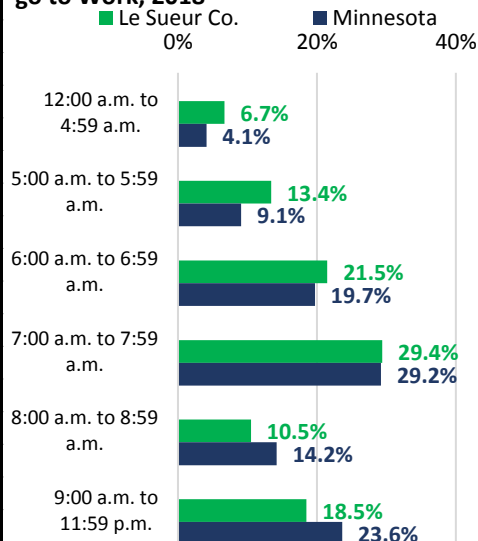


- White alone
- Black or African American
- American Indian & Alaska Native
- Asian or Other Pac. Islanders
- Some Other Race
- Two or More Races

A smaller percentage of workers in Le Sueur Co. worked in the same county in which they live compared to the state. Le Sueur Co. also had a longer average commute time than the state.

Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2018	Le Sueur Co.		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Worked in state of residence	14,539	99.7%	2,807,811	97.5%
Worked in county of residence	5,323	36.5%	1,831,557	63.6%
Worked out of county of residence	9,216	63.2%	979,134	34.0%
Worked outside state of residence	44	0.3%	71,995	2.5%
<b>MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK</b>				
Car, truck, or van	13,402	91.9%	2,488,152	86.4%
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	44	0.3%	103,673	3.6%
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	423	2.9%	126,711	4.4%
Worked at home	700	4.8%	164,149	5.7%
<b>TRAVEL TIME TO WORK</b>				
Less than 10 minutes	2,712	18.6%	455,009	15.8%
10 to 19 minutes	3,048	20.9%	869,701	30.2%
20 to 29 minutes	2,815	19.3%	639,317	22.2%
30 to 44 minutes	3,252	22.3%	564,442	19.6%
45 to 59 minutes	1,473	10.1%	192,947	6.7%
60 or more minutes	1,283	8.8%	158,389	5.5%
<b>Mean travel time to work (minutes)</b>	<b>26.4 minutes</b>		<b>23.5 minutes</b>	

Figure 10. Time Leaving Home to go to Work, 2018



Source: 2014-2018 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

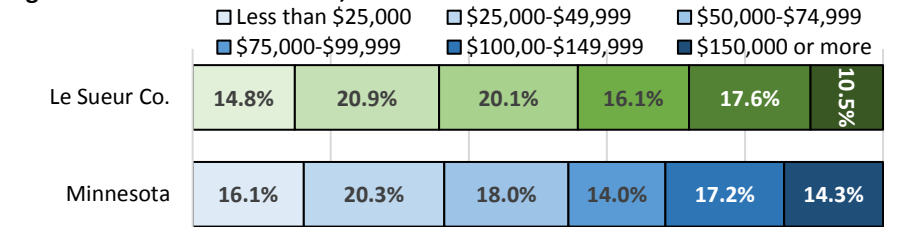
INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING

Le Sueur Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a lower percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Le Sueur Co. had the 13th highest median household income of the 87 counties in the state.

Median Household Income	<b>\$67,451</b>
state	\$68,411
Median Family Income	<b>\$82,919</b>
state	\$86,204
Per Capita Income	<b>\$32,120</b>
state	\$36,245

Source: 2014-2018 American Community Survey

Figure 11. Household Incomes, 2018



Source: 2014-2018 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Le Sueur Co. also had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$13.39 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$15.57 for a typical family with 2 adults and 1 child (see Table 9).

Table 9. Basic Needs Cost of Living Estimates, 2019									
Single Adult, 0 children	Single Yearly Cost of Living	Hourly Wage Required	Monthly Costs						
			Child Care	Food	Health Care	Housing	Transportation	Other	Taxes
Le Sueur Co.	\$27,852	\$13.39	\$0	\$327	\$166	\$605	\$658	\$261	\$304
State of Minnesota	\$30,900	\$14.86	\$0	\$335	\$137	\$759	\$629	\$336	\$379
Typical Family: 2 Adults (1 working full-time, 1 part-time), 1 child	Family Yearly Cost of Living	Hourly Wage Required	Monthly Costs						
			Child Care	Food	Health Care	Housing	Transportation	Other	Taxes
Le Sueur Co.	\$48,588	\$15.57	\$254	\$749	\$659	\$806	\$761	\$436	\$384
State of Minnesota	\$55,548	\$17.80	\$511	\$764	\$484	\$986	\$729	\$537	\$618

Source: DEED Cost of Living tool

Le Sueur Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 14th highest value of the 87 counties in 2018. Le Sueur Co.'s housing stock was newer than the state's, with a higher percentage of units built since 2000 (see Figure 12).

Table 10. Estimated Value of Owner-occupied Housing Units, 2018	Le Sueur Co.		Minnesota
	Total	Percent	Percent
Total	8,814	100.0%	100.0%
Less than \$50,000	367	4.2%	5.7%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	821	9.3%	9.4%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	1,706	19.4%	15.2%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	1,584	18.0%	19.8%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	2,130	24.2%	25.7%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	1,750	19.9%	17.6%
\$500,000 or more	456	5.2%	6.6%
Median (dollars)	\$197,600		\$199,700

Source: 2014-2018 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

Median monthly owner costs, owner-occupied units with a mortgage	<b>\$1,475</b>
state	\$1,547
Percentage of households with a mortgage spending 30% or more of their income on housing costs	<b>23.7%</b>
state	22.6%
Median monthly rent costs	<b>\$740</b>
state	\$944
Percentage of renters spending 30% or more of their household income on rent	<b>40.7%</b>
state	45.9%

Source: 2014-2018 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

Figure 12. Year Structure Built, 2018

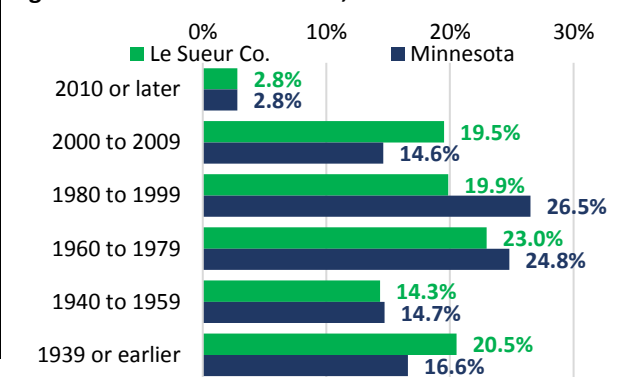
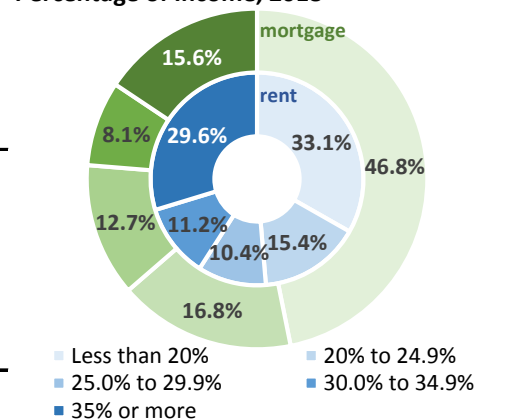


Figure 13. Housing Costs as a Percentage of Income, 2018





## OCCUPATIONS

At \$18.75 in 2020, wages were lower in Region 9 than the state. Overall, Region 9 had the 8th highest median hourly wage level of the 13 economic development regions in the state. Wages were highest for management occupations (\$41.62) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$11.75) (see Table 11).

Table 11. Occupational Employment Statistics, 2020

Occupational Group	Region 9				State of Minnesota		
	Median Hourly Wage	Estimated Regional Jobs	Share of Total Jobs	Regional Location Quotient	Median Hourly Wage	State-wide Jobs	Share of Total Jobs
<b>Total, All Occupations</b>	<b>\$18.75</b>	<b>99,570</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>\$21.49</b>	<b>2,880,650</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Management	\$41.62	5,080	5.1%	0.9	\$24.38	165,310	5.7%
Business & Financial Operations	\$29.25	3,560	3.6%	0.6	\$12.43	244,300	8.5%
Computer & Mathematical	\$29.96	1,520	1.5%	0.4	\$17.72	4,060	0.1%
Architecture & Engineering	\$32.36	1,970	2.0%	1.0	\$20.03	363,800	12.6%
Life, Physical & Social Science	\$28.73	800	0.8%	0.9	\$24.31	100,060	3.5%
Community & Social Service	\$24.14	-	0.0%	0.0	\$13.65	70,290	2.4%
Legal	\$28.69	190	0.2%	0.3	\$18.06	216,890	7.5%
Education, Training & Library	\$22.63	6,840	6.9%	1.2	\$38.00	55,520	1.9%
Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media	\$18.86	1,270	1.3%	1.0	\$28.97	104,900	3.6%
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$31.79	6,120	6.1%	0.9	\$37.35	20,050	0.7%
Healthcare Support	\$14.62	5,600	5.6%	1.0	\$24.52	38,540	1.3%
Protective Service	\$19.37	1,420	1.4%	0.9	\$15.37	277,000	9.6%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$11.75	5,410	5.4%	0.6	\$23.34	57,200	2.0%
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	\$14.21	2,690	2.7%	0.9	\$15.23	83,860	2.9%
Personal Care & Service	\$13.22	-	0.0%	0.0	\$36.07	190,800	6.6%
Sales & Related	\$14.28	9,610	9.7%	1.0	\$42.71	97,960	3.4%
Office & Administrative Support	\$18.56	12,350	12.4%	1.0	\$52.70	170,650	5.9%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	\$16.73	270	0.3%	1.9	\$19.03	212,650	7.4%
Construction & Extraction	\$25.47	3,830	3.8%	1.1	\$22.45	45,030	1.6%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$22.51	3,930	3.9%	1.1	\$14.81	163,160	5.7%
Production	\$18.47	13,410	13.5%	1.8	\$33.87	171,550	6.0%
Transportation & Material Moving	\$18.21	9,390	9.4%	1.3	\$34.35	27,070	0.9%

Source: DEED Occupational Employment Statistics, Qtr. 1 2020

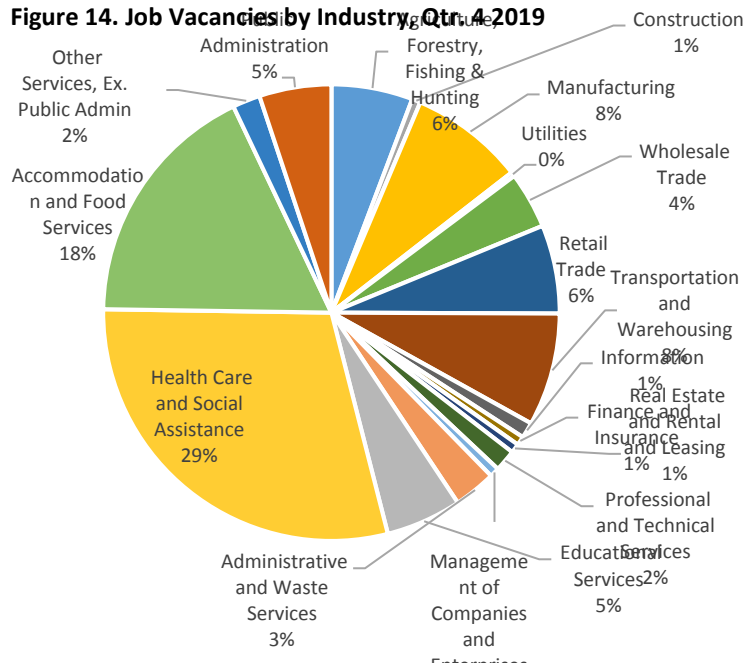
## JOB VACANCY SURVEY

Le Sueur Co. is a part of Region 9, which includes Blue Earth, Brown, Faribault, Le Sueur, Martin, Nicollet, Sibley, Waseca, and Watonwan County. There were 4412 job vacancies posted by employers in the 4th Quarter of 2019, indicating extensive opportunity in the region, with openings across several occupations and industries (see Figure 14).

Table 12. Region 9 Job Vacancy Survey Results, Qtr. 4 2019

Occupational Group	Number of Vacancies	Wage Offer
<b>Total, All Occupations</b>	<b>4,412</b>	<b>\$14.44</b>
Management	99	\$21.93
Business & Financial Operations	55	\$25.62
Computer & Mathematical	27	\$23.54
Architecture & Engineering	54	\$28.15
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	41	\$12.89
Community & Social Service	73	\$15.62
Education, Training & Library	#N/A	#N/A
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	198	\$15.76
Healthcare Support	108	\$10.00
Protective Service	471	\$26.45
Food Preparation & Serving Related	529	\$13.38
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	94	\$14.52
Personal Care & Service	774	\$12.15
Sales & Related	104	\$13.06
Office & Administrative Support	365	\$12.90
Construction & Extraction	247	\$14.64
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	214	\$14.60
Production	29	\$23.48
Transportation & Material Moving	223	\$18.98

Figure 14. Job Vacancies by Industry, Qtr. 4 2019



Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, Qtr. 4 2019

## OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND

Table 13. Southwest Occupations in Demand, 2019

Less than High School	High School or Equivalent	Some College or Assoc. Deg.	Bachelor's Degree or Higher
Personal Care Aides \$26,919	Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers \$44,307	Registered Nurses \$65,723	Elementary School Teachers \$49,919
Combined Food Preparation & Serving \$23,754	First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers \$40,150	Nursing Assistants \$30,046	Secondary School Teachers \$51,607
Cashiers \$23,665	Childcare Workers \$23,494	Machinists \$41,453	Agricultural & Food Science Technicians \$42,140
Janitors & Cleaners \$27,891	Office Clerks, General \$34,602	Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses \$45,512	Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education \$35,030
Retail Salespersons \$25,408	Maintenance & Repair Workers, General \$40,722	Automotive Service Technicians & Mechanics \$36,107	Industrial Engineers \$76,019
Home Health Aides \$27,561	Teacher Assistants \$28,683	Industrial Machinery Mechanics \$47,807	Accountants & Auditors \$61,676
Waiters & Waitresses \$21,617	Secretaries & Administrative Assistants \$38,419	Police & Sheriff's Patrol Officers \$58,377	Middle School Teachers \$49,989
Laborers & Freight, Stock & Material Movers, Hand \$34,151	Sales Representatives, Wholesale & Manufacturing \$62,712	Emergency Medical Technicians & Paramedics \$36,520	Financial Managers \$102,734
Stock Clerks & Order Fillers \$26,428	Welders, Cutters, Solderers, & Brazers \$41,595	Industrial Engineering Technicians \$48,612	Mechanical Engineers \$78,526
Cooks, Restaurant \$24,812	First-Line Supervisors of Food Prep & Serving Workers \$33,357	Heating, Air Cond. (HVAC) & Refrig. Mechanics \$44,355	Human Resources Specialists \$53,909

Source: DEED Occupations in Demand

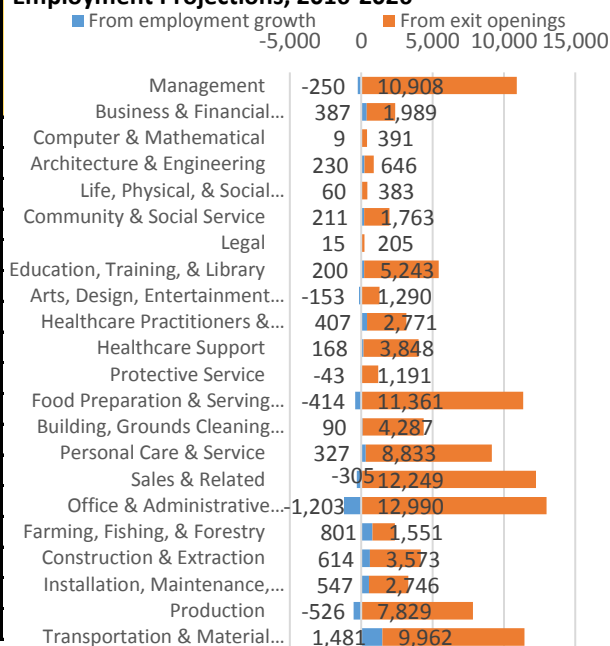
Le Sueur Co. is a part of the Southwest planning region, which is projected to see a 0.9% increase in employment levels over the next decade. In addition to new jobs created, there will be a much larger number of exit openings (see Figure 15).

Table 14. Regional Industry Employment Projections, 2016-2026

Southwest Planning Region	Estimated Employment 2016	Projected Employment 2026	Percent Change 2016-2026
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	<b>211,618</b>	<b>213,503</b>	<b>0.9%</b>
Natural Resources & Mining	5,948	7,338	23.4%
Utilities	755	831	10.1%
Construction	7,995	8,408	5.2%
Manufacturing	31,264	31,145	-0.4%
Wholesale Trade	8,272	8,323	0.6%
Retail Trade	20,647	19,748	-4.4%
Transportation & Warehousing	7,176	8,023	11.8%
Information	2,746	2,569	-6.4%
Finance & Insurance, Real Estate	7,546	7,638	1.2%
Professional Services & Mgmt. of Companies	5,859	6,141	4.8%
Administrative & Waste Services	4,163	4,277	2.7%
Educational Services	16,891	16,886	0.0%
Health Care & Social Assistance	29,857	31,196	4.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	14,751	14,367	-2.6%
Other Services, Ex. Public Admin	7,632	7,142	-6.4%
Public Administration	13,150	13,136	-0.1%

Source: DEED 2016-2026 Employment Outlook

Figure 15. Regional Occupational Employment Projections, 2016-2026



## ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

After gaining jobs over the past year, Le Sueur Co. had the 42nd largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Le Sueur Co. was the 5th fastest growing in the past year and the 39th fastest growing since 2014. From 2014 to 2019, employers in Le Sueur Co. added jobs, but lagged the state's 6.3% growth rate.

727 business establishments

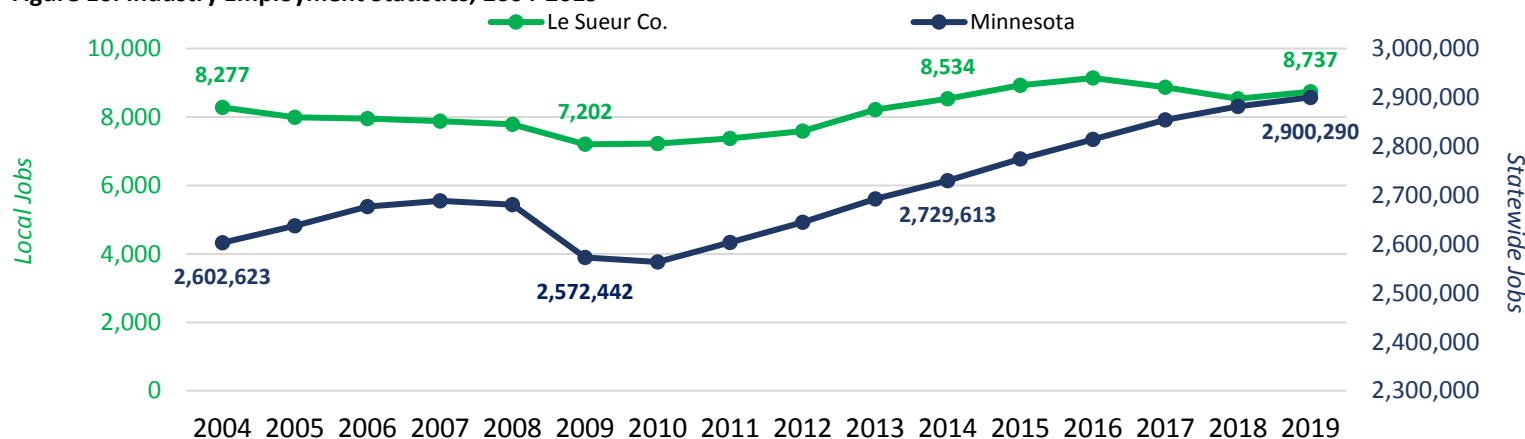
\$44,994 annual average wage

8,737 jobs

\$393,111,925 total industry payroll

Job change,  
2014-2019203 jobs  
2.4% increase

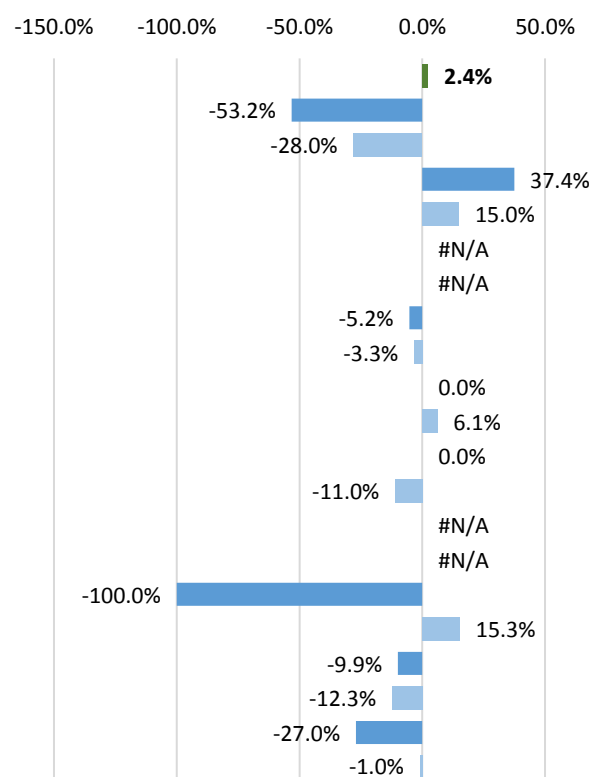
Figure 16. Industry Employment Statistics, 2004-2019



Source: DEED QCEW program

Table 15. Le Sueur Co. Industry Employment Statistics, 2019	Number of Jobs	Percent of Total Jobs	Average Annual Wage
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	<b>8,737</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$44,994</b>
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	104	1.2%	\$38,897
Mining	131	1.5%	\$93,287
Construction	613	7.0%	\$57,958
Manufacturing	3,124	35.8%	\$57,415
Utilities	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Wholesale Trade	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Retail Trade	782	9.0%	\$22,149
Transportation & Warehousing	351	4.0%	\$39,520
Information	52	0.6%	\$35,529
Finance & Insurance	259	3.0%	\$54,568
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	28	0.3%	\$27,578
Professional & Technical Services	145	1.7%	\$51,260
Management of Companies	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	80	0.9%	\$29,108
Educational Services	0	0.0%	#DIV/0!
Health Care & Social Assistance	701	8.0%	\$31,628
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	82	0.9%	\$11,604
Accommodation & Food Services	471	5.4%	\$12,927
Other Services	227	2.6%	\$20,373
Public Administration	582	6.7%	\$39,903

Figure 17. Change in Jobs, 2014-2019



Source: DEED Quarterly Census of Employment &amp; Wages (QCEW)

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